

We claim:

1. A gripping bandage adapted to be disposed over a finger to protect the finger when using a sports or hand tool implement, the bandage comprising:

a first self-adhering strip having a first predetermined length;

a second impact cushioning strip overlying a portion of, permanently and sealingly bonded to, the first self-adhering strip;

the second cushioning strip providing protection from abrasion and pressure when the bandage is applied to a finger.

2. The gripping bandage of claim 1 wherein the first self-adhering strip is composed of elastic material.

3. The gripping bandage of claim 1 wherein the second cushioning strip has a length shorter than the first predetermined length of the first strip.

4. The gripping bandage of claim 1 wherein the first strip and the second cushioning strip are of substantially equal width.

5. The gripping bandage of claim 1 wherein the first self-adhering strip comprises a non-woven polymer fiber base material.

6. The gripping bandage of claim 1 wherein the first strip maintains its self-adhering capability when wet.

7. The gripping bandage of claim 1 wherein the first self-adhering strip is elastic in a longitudinal direction.

8. The gripping bandage of claim 1 wherein the first self-adhering strip is elastic in a latitudinal direction.

9. The gripping bandage of claim 1 wherein the second cushioning strip comprises a flexible, non-self-adhering material.

10. The gripping bandage of claim 1 wherein the second cushioning strip composed of material with non-slip surface.

11. The gripping bandage of claim 10 wherein the second cushioning strip comprises a leather base material, natural or artificial.

12. The gripping bandage of claim 10 wherein the second cushioning strip comprises a foam base material.

13. The gripping bandage of claim 10 wherein the second cushioning strip comprises a fabric base material.

14. A gripping bandage adapted to be disposed over a finger to protect the finger when using a sports or hand tool implement, the bandage comprising:

a first self-adhering strip having a first pre-determined length;

a second cushioning strip overlying a portion of, and bonded to, the first self-adhering strip;

the second cushioning strip providing protection from abrasion and pressure when the bandage is applied to a finger; and

the first self adhering strip comprising a non-woven polymer fiber base material with elastic threads extending through the fiber base material in a longitudinal direction.

15. A gripping bandage adapted to be disposed over a finger to protect the finger when using a sports or hand tool implement, the bandage comprising;

a first self-adhering strip having a first pre-determined length;

a second cushioning strip overlying a portion of, and bonded to, the first self-adhering strip;

the second cushioning strip providing protection from abrasion and pressure when the bandage is applied to a finger; and

the first self-adhering strip comprising a non-woven polymer fiber base material and a layer of latex.

16. A bandage adapted to be disposed over a finger to protect the finger when using a sports or hand tool implement, the bandage comprising;

a first self-adhering strip having a first predetermined length;

a second cushioning strip overlying a portion of, and bonded to the first self-adhering strip;

the second cushioning strip providing protection from abrasion and pressure when the bandage is applied to a finger,

an insert strip disposed between the first self-adhering strip and the second cushioning strip.

17. The gripping bandage of claim 17 wherein the insert strip comprises at least one layer of foam material.

18. The gripping bandage of claim 17 wherein the insert strip comprises at least one layer of cotton based material.

19. A gripping bandage adapted to be disposed over a finger portion of a glove to protect the finger inside the glove when the glove is worn when using a sports or hand tool implement, the bandage comprising:

a first self-adhering strip having a first predetermined length;

a second impact cushioning strip overlying a portion of, permanently and sealingly bonded to, the first self-adhering strip;

the second cushioning strip providing protection from abrasion and pressure when the bandage is disposed over a finger portion of the glove and the glove is worn when using a sports or hand tool implement.

20. A gripping bandage adapted to be disposed over a finger to protect the finger when using a sports or hand tool implement, the bandage comprising:

a first self-adhering strip having a first predetermined length;

a double sided glue tape strip applied to a portion of surface of the first self-adhering strip;

a second elastic impact cushioning strip overlying a portion of, permanently and sealingly bonded to, the first self-adhering strip;

the second cushioning strip providing protection from abrasion and pressure when the bandage is applied to a finger.

21. A gripping bandage adapted to be disposed over a finger to protect the finger when using a sports or hand tool implement, the bandage comprising:

a first self-adhering strip having a first predetermined length;

a coat of adhesive material applied to a portion of surface of the first self-adhering strip;

a second impact cushioning strip overlying a portion of, permanently and sealingly bonded to, the first self-adhering strip;

the second cushioning strip providing protection from abrasion and pressure when the bandage is applied to a finger.

22. A gripping bandage adapted to be disposed over a finger to protect the finger when using a sports or hand tool implement, the bandage comprising:

a first self-adhering strip having a first predetermined length;